

Wages for housework

by Julia Halprin

Women should demand wages for housework so that they can have the power to change the capitalist system, according to Sylvia Federici of the Wages for Housework movement.

In a meeting last Friday night, sponsored by the Power of Women's Collective of Montreal, Federici explained that "the demand for wages emerged from women who didn't agree with the strategies of either the radical or leftist feminists of the sixties."

Federici stated that the strategy of the feminists of the sixties had been to consider housework backward, and that women should become a part of the labor force. She said the Wages for Housework Movement was redefining the role of women in the capitalist society by realizing that housework was important to the system. "The area of the family and housework is crucial to the capitalist framework, producing one of its most important commodities: workers. It is important for women to rediscover their position in society, to know that they are not dispensable, and that they can have power."

By demanding wages, Federici said, housewives will have the necessary power to form a struggle against capitalism. "In a society where work equals wage and wage equals power, the wagelessness of housewives makes them seem invisible. It was clear to us that the only kind of strategy to use was to organize to reappropriate all the capital that had been stolen from us as workers."

The presence of wageless

workers in a capitalist society, Federici added, creates a division of the working class. "If you make people, such as women or prisoners, wageless for long enough, you'll scare them, and they'll accept worse working conditions and lower pay. Workers will then be pitched against each other for jobs. By demanding wages, and by undermining that system, we are giving a blow to capitalist society."

After Federici spoke, two other women talked about their experiences in the women's movement. Reni Jackman, of Windsor Ontario, talked about the auto crisis in Windsor, and what it meant to women. Jackman said that when a housewife's husband is laid off from work, "he has to be taken care of, like another child, which means more work for the woman. Or when there is speed-up in the factory, the husband is tired, and does less housework. A speed-up in the factory for men means a speed-up in the home for women." Jackman urged that women begin to organize to fight against the capitalist system, and to redefine their role in society.

Jenny Lister, member of the movement for Wages for Housework in England, said that "resulting from the economic crisis in England, there has been a large rise in rent and food prices. Funds are lacking for social services, and taking care of a family has become much more difficult." She said that women have been organizing strikes and demonstrations, and are beginning to realize their importance in capitalist society.

Discussion with editorial nominees

All staffers are encouraged to come to the Daily office at 5 pm and grill the nominees for next year's editor-in-chief and the other editorial positions. It's extremely important that you know who they are and where they stand before Thursday's vote. Come!

Everyone who considers himself or herself a staffer should come down to the Daily office before Wednesday and check the staff list on the bulletin board to affirm that his or her name is registered. If you were left off the list, enter your name on the bottom.

We repeat, elections are this Thursday.

Fired employee criticizes cafeteria

by Joan Shields

The woman who worked behind the healthfood counter in the Union cafeteria has been fired because, according to the cafeteria manager, the counter was too expensive to run. Mme Christine Bedard however, says she was fired because the policy in the cafeteria is "to make the most profit with the smallest personnel possible."

Mme Bedard started work in the cafeteria last September. She disliked the working atmosphere there, saying that "the manager always complained that I served the students too well, that I gave them bigger portions than necessary. He also hinted that I spent too much time talking to the students."

Union cafeteria manager Stu Gourley denies these charges, saying "I wasn't on her back more than anybody else's. I had no complaints with her work."

Mme Bedard also charges that "the cleanliness in the kitchen" leaves a lot to be desired. The boards on which the sandwiches are made are never disinfected and are rarely cleaned. None of the food is prepared on the spot and it's never very fresh. The dishwasher always leaves dried soap on the dishes, which I usually rinsed off myself."

Mme Bedard says that a couple of times "the water that was used for washing the counters was the same water used to make the coffee for lunch."

Gourley thinks these charges are exaggerated and that Bedard finds fault because "her standards are so high." He admits however that "there are areas where service can be



Mark Sandford

Mme Bedard, the cafeteria worker who was fired in the latest Union economy drive.

improved."

Bedard says that she often suggested improvements that could be made, but "the manager would just say O.K., O.K., and turn his back, and I'd never hear anything more about it." Gourley explains, "everything that a worker suggests can't be done, I can't guarantee anything."

Mme Bedard isn't sure where she's going to go now. She can't receive unemployment insurance

because cafeteria help gets laid off over the Christmas break and are rehired in January, which means she didn't work enough weeks in 1975 to qualify for unemployment insurance.

Mme Bedard makes it clear that she isn't exposing the standards of the cafeteria for selfish reasons. "I urge the students to form a committee and supervise what's going on in the kitchen. It's the students that I'm concerned about."

New pub approved

by David Bowler

Council decided last Thursday night to go ahead with plans to replace Gertrude's with a new 180 seat pub in the Union basement. Council also considered the implications of a referendum to increase student fees, subsidizing the McGill Day Care Centre, and a motion to censure the McGill Daily.

The new pub will cost about \$90,000 and will occupy the space now used by the typesetting service. Washrooms will be installed in the sub-basement.

In addition, a 210 seat lounge will be built in the sub-basement, at a total cost of \$48,000 if the Board of Governors will agree to provide \$11,000 for air conditioning and ventilation.

A motion to censure the Daily was introduced by External Vice-President Michel Celemenski, and seconded by Arts and

Science representatives Campbell Hendry, charging the Daily has neglected campus activities, especially the Women's Union and the meetings of the Students' Council.

Daily editor Bonnie Price conceded coverage of Council meetings should have been better, but campus coverage was greatly improved. "As we made mistakes, we recognized them, and took measures to make sure they didn't happen again."

George Archer said "several of our meetings have not even been covered by the Daily reporter. The Daily has not lived up to its responsibilities to the students."

Several other councillors partly agreed with the complaints but argued that the Daily's faults were not bad enough to warrant a motion of

censure. No vote was taken as there was no quorum.

Council passed a motion urging students to support the amendments to the constitution, especially the increase in student fees, from \$24 to \$30 for undergraduates.

A motion was also passed offering to pay one-third of the operating costs of the McGill Day Care Centre, if the administration and Student Services will pay the rest. Celemenski said 85 per cent of the parents were students.

Celemenski and others were dissatisfied with the fact that the centre is not parent-controlled, but said "there is a principle to be established." Phillip Inhaber disagreed, saying that asking McGill to pay for day care "is like asking to borrow a quarter in a candy store."

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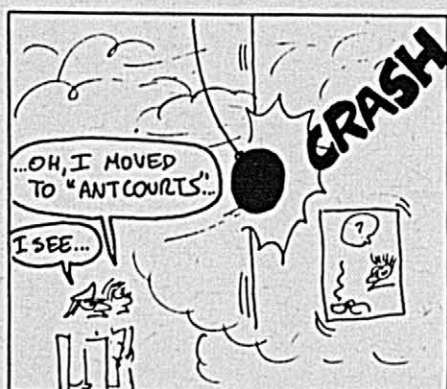
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SARA wins fight

by Katherine Gutkind

The Somerville Area Residents Association (SARA), located in southwest Westmount, is a unique community action group—unique because it is the only neighbourhood group that has ever defeated a large multinational development corporation.

In 1970, an old bakery was torn down and the area was zoned for one and two family dwellings.

That June the residents of southwest Westmount were asked by the City of Westmount to consider an amendment to rezone the bakery area. Rezoning would make it legal for the establishment of a high-rise. Before a meeting with the Westmount City Council to discuss the proposed amendment, a petition was given to the council by the residents for a referendum, and the referendum was passed by a two-thirds majority.

That summer SARA was formed by the residents who had actively participated in the referendum. The referendum had shown them that communities are able to fight city halls and big businesses. According to Pat McKendry, coordinator of SARA's Information Committee this fact is important so that people and other community action groups "do not get deterred."

SARA's goal is to improve the area's physical environment because residents saw rezoning as a threat to the character of the neighbourhood and to the investment value of their properties.

The initial developer of the bakery lot was Trizec Development Corporation. Trizec, concerned with its own financial interests knew that prospects for a high-rise were seriously threatened by the southwest Westmount residents.

Trizec harasses

Trizec tried to influence residents towards the positive aspects of a highrise by taking senior citizens out to dinner. It bribed and harassed home owners and members of their families and even contacted employers to discredit some of the people who had supported the petition. But, according to SARA "these events were only

reinforcing the residents in their rejection, and served to unite their energies in order to protect their attractive community, and utilize their right as citizens and proprietors to call a referendum."

When Trizec's rezoning proposal was defeated in 1970, the City of Westmount recommended that residents submit an alternate proposal. This was done and The Somerville Residential Area and Victoria Village brochure was published in November of 1972, demanding that the Somerville Area be designated as a "Conservation Residential Area."

For the past two years, however, SARA has been waiting for an answer to their proposal from the Architectural Committee of the City of Westmount.

Imobilia Incorporated

Then in the summer of 1974 SARA was confronted with another rezoning proposal for the bakery lot. This proposal came from Imobilia Incorporated who had formally been affiliated with Trizec. But, SARA has completely rejected rezoning the bakery lot because they feel that any rezoning will lead to future rezoning of other areas within southwest Westmount. Imobilia has now agreed to develop the bakery lot with one or two family dwellings.

According to McKendry, Imobilia first went to the City of Westmount with their plan and

was told by them to consult SARA. If SARA agreed with the plan then and only then would the city endorse it.

Now that the problem of the bakery lot has essentially been completed, the demands SARA is concerning itself with deal mainly with the regulation of traffic. This is important to SARA because it will ensure the safety of the children in the community, cut down the noise and pollution and insure the "quality of life" in the area. Some traffic proposals have been implemented on an experimental level.

SARA is also giving support to other community action groups in Westmount, including the Greene Avenue organization and the Westmount Senior Action Incorporated Group.

McKendry said that she would like SARA to officially support other community action outside Westmount, such as Save Montreal. She said it is "extremely important that we do not isolate ourselves and our knowledge, but support other groups. It's important for community groups to take the initiative and to do the work on their own"

Most important of all, however, is that SARA has to take a political stand. According to McKendry, SARA is political because it "deals directly with the Westmount City Hall. The city is coming to us for our opinion and is recognizing us."



Winners of the Engineering rip-off contest



The land SARA saved from the developers

Patrick

Comment

Community struggle

Although we all know that there is plenty wrong in our society, here at the university many of us tend to be better at discussing what's wrong rather than trying to change things through practice at a grassroots level.

This week the Daily plans to examine some of those groups who have decided to roll up their sleeves and mobilize in the community for change. We will take a look at all sorts of groups from those like Save Montreal who believe that Montreal's attractiveness can be preserved if citizens protest the destruction of old buildings to community-controlled clinics like Clinique du Peuple - St. Henri where doctors work hand-in-hand with members of the community for a pittance.

In the first case, the answer to Montreal's problems seems to lie in peaceful protest and reforms within the existing political system; in the second, it is argued that Norman Bethune was right when he said, "The best form of providing health

protection would be to change the economic system...."

In addition to examining the political philosophies behind the groups, we will look into the conditions which gave rise to the organization and interview the people who benefit from the groups' activities.

An important aspect of every group is its funding. Some community groups receive grants from the government, and often suffer in quality and effectiveness when they are told they can work for change, but not very radical change. Other groups try to function autonomously but are burdened with rent and telephone bills that are hard to pay.

The final question we must pose is why ad hoc groups need to be formed in the first place. Most of them are peoples' response to a particular problem—like poor health care, the plight of senior citizens, pollution, etc..

Can active community groups provide permanent solutions to these problems or not?

Today

The Today column provides space for daily announcements of non-profit student activities. Please keep items to 25 words or less. Write entries in Today notebook in Daily office.

Lunch Concert:
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Klub Dumaly:
First discussion this term will be on the topic of "Ukrainian Student Organizations". Today, Union 307, 6-8 pm. Come and rap.

Premedical Society:
Dr. J. Coffey, Montreal General Hospital, will speak on "Reproductive Disorders", today, in the Francis Seminar Room, 4th floor, McIntyre Medical Building at 1 pm.

English Department:
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McGill Christian Fellowship:
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What's What

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WOMEN'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
Nominations for W.A.A. president 1975-1976 are being taken until February 26. Applications for the other W.A.A. executive positions can be picked up at the Athletics office and submitted for Feb. 26 also.

HELLENIC ASSOCIATION
General meeting Wednesday February 26 at 6 pm in Union 307. All welcome.

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ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTING STUDENTS
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MOC
Open meeting Tuesday Feb. 25 at 7:30 pm in the Union; open nominations for the new executive. Broomball game after and then "retire" to Gettrude's.

FORUM
Dr. A.M. Abu Hakima, Inst. of Islamic Studies will speak on "A Recent Tour in Some Arabian Gulf States," Thursday Feb. 27 at 4 pm, Leacock 12. Illustrated. All welcome.

CARRIBEAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
General meeting Tuesday Feb. 25 to update on the play and other news of interest. Two films on Jamaica and Trinidad. Everyone welcome, Union 123-124, at 7:30 pm.

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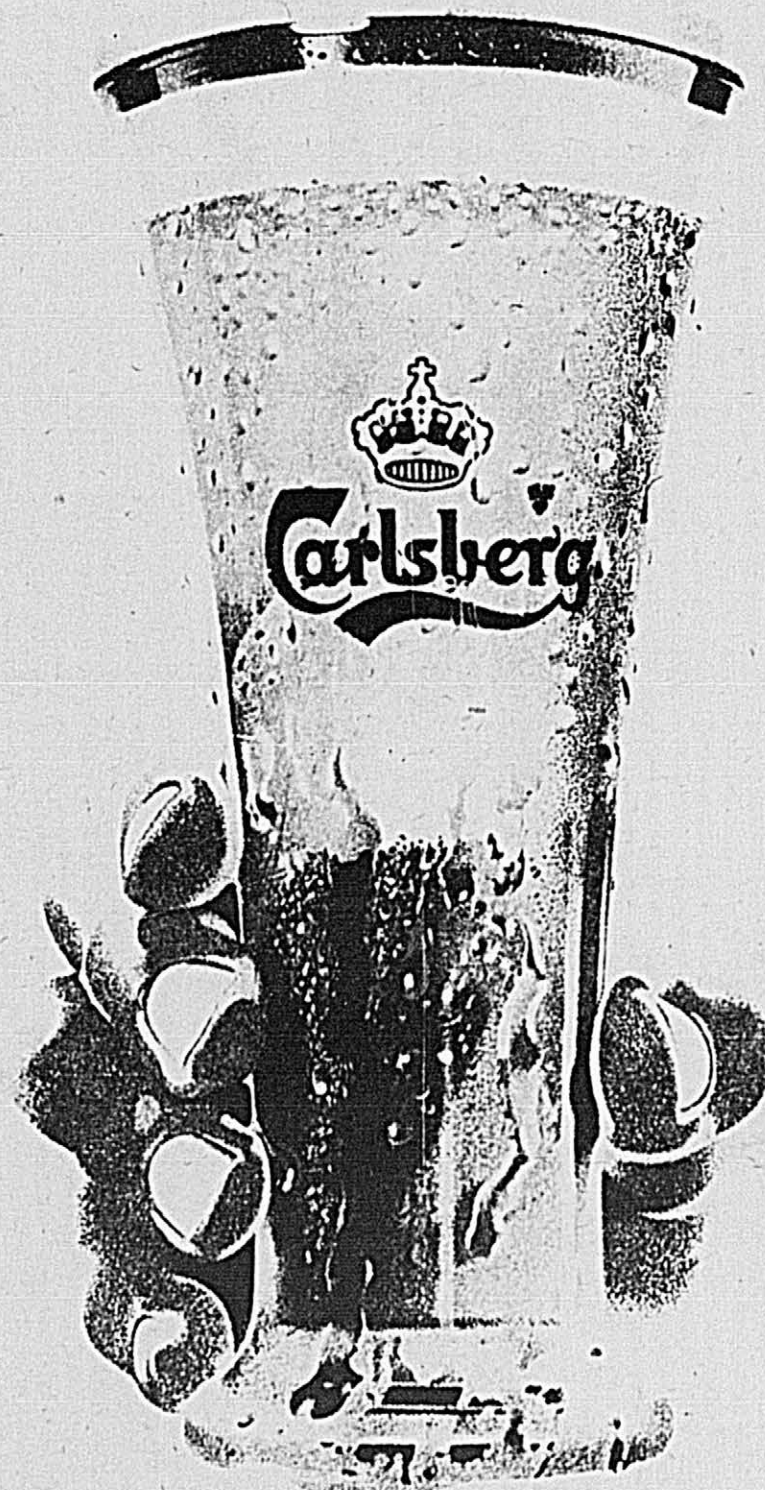
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